The left wing consists of the Twentieth Corns, commanded by Maj-Gen. Slorum the Fourteenth, by Gen. Jeff C.

The right wing, except one division of the Fifteenth Corps, which is with us, moved from Savannah to Beaufort, S. C., from which place it starts on its march to the interior in the direction of Branchville, S. C. Our left wing and Kilpatrick's Cavalry moved up the Savannah River to Sisters Ferry and crossed over into

of the roads through the swamps. Our brigade happened to be the last one of the whole army to cross, which was accom-

whole army to cross, which was accomplished late on Sunday night.

On Monday we drew clothing, a new supply of axes and spades, etc. Yesterday it rained all day, and we remained in camp.

Col. Pierce came back and took charge of the regiment to-day, as Brig. Gen. J. G. Mitchell has arrived from home. Maj. Reatch is also back with us.

We received New York papers and learned that rebel Commissioners had arrived in Washington City to talk about peace. This is the last news we received before our start, and don't know when we will receive more. This morning we were

before our start, and don't know when we will receive more. This morning we were on the road at 7 o'clock, and wandered along slowly, having to wait on the trains to get through the bad roads.

If you could once see one of these detestable swamps, you could then form an idea of the difficulties we labor under in getting through this country. We had to cookleave these miles before a single warron. cordurov three miles before a single wago could pass, making a plank road cutting saplings, and the chattering of hundreds of axes in the hands of the men was a noisy and lively sight. We only made seven miles to-day, camping at

Octock.

Brighton is somewhat of a place for South Carolina, I suppose. It did contain 15 houses, but there are only three left now, the others having been lurned or torn down by the troops who have preceded us. I have only seen two farmhouses all day. houses all day.

GOOD TIMES AGAIN.

To-night we have a comfortable place To-night we have a comfortable place a large fire of pine knots against a big log, and our shelfer-tent is pitched befor it, and with a soft bed of pine-boughs to sleep on. Booth, our Orderly-Sergeant, is parching corn. Carson is reading a Harper's Weekly. The darky servants we have are deeply interested over a primer, and are learning to spell words in two syllables. These are good times and worthy of

membrance.

My health is now better than for a long time, and I can take events in a better light than it has been my fortune to endure. However, we may soon see hard and trying times. (To be continued.)

NEW HAMPSHIRE ORDERS.

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The 33d Annual Encampment of the G.A.R.

It New Hampshire and the 20th Annual Convention of the W.R.C. met in Concord. April 18.

Other New Hampshire loyal Orders held sessions on the same date.

Commander Horace L. Worcester presided at the G.A.R. sessions, and presented an able report.

Regarding dropped and suspended members be said: "While I fully believe all possible effort should be made to regain all worthy dropped and suspended members i believe greater effort should be made to retain those who, through long years of labor in our Order have shown their love for and interest in it, now crippled by disease or wounds, are unable to pay their dues and too proud to ask for aid. Let us sean the roll carefully, and in all worthy cases exercise that divine principle of our Order. Chantix,' in their behalf, and remit their dues, that they may be borne to their final resting place under the folds of the dear old flag they loved se well, for which they sacrificed so much."

ficed so much."

The subject of pensions was taken up by the Commander, who fully indorsed the bill drafted by the National Pension Committee of the G. A. R.

The W. R. C., Daughters of Veterans and Sons, of Veterans were warminy praised for their devotion to the G. A. R. and assistance rendered needy

comrades.

The following resolution on pensions was adopted:
Resolved, That the veteran soldiers repre-Resided. That the veteran soldiers represented in this Encampment indorse the action of the Commander-in-Chief and the committee appointed by the last National Encampment at Philadelphia in their efforts by a kill which they have prepared and presented to Congress to secure a just construction of the pension act of 1890, and also the establishment of a Court of Appeals for the adjudication of appealed pension cases; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

These officers were elected: Com., D. E. Proctor These officers were elected: Com., D. E. Proctor, Wilton; S. V. C., Alanson C. Haines, Newmarket; J. V. C., Wm. S. Carter, Lebanon; Medical Director, Granville P. Conn. Concord; Chap., Gea. W. Patten; Peterborongh. Council of Administration, Edward E. Parker, Nashua; Henry O. Kent, Lancaster; E. A. Badger, Lakeport; J. H. Lamprey, Laconia; John W. Crane, Hillsborough, Representatives to the National Encampment, Chas. E. Bartlett, Derry Depot; Hanson H. Young, Barnstead Center; Chas. M. Jones, Dover, Andrew J. Bennett, Manchester; Geo. H. Tibbetts, Laconia. Alternates, Wm. P. Nevens, Derry Depot; C. C. Bunce, Dover, David N. Sackett, Barnstead Center; Thos. J. Wiggins, Manchester; John O'Connot, Laconia.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The W.R.C. elected the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Emma Tebbetts, Laconin; S. V. P., Mrs. Annie P. Dimond, Concord; J. V. P., Mrs. Kate L. Perkins, Marlow; Sec., Mrs. Elvira A. Wilkins, Laconin; Treas, Mrs. Katherine Mc. Loughlin, Laconin; Chap. Mrs. Lizzie Poole, Jaffrey; Ins. Mrs. Chap. Hanchard, Bradford; Counsellor, Mrs. Minnie A. Banca, Manchester; Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Annie Evans, Concord; Sarah E. Sackett, Center Harnstead; Lydda E. Farmun, West Concord; Ella A. Davis, Hochester, Kate C. Mcader, North Haverhill; Delegate at Large, Lydia A. Scott, Manchester; Associate Delegates Mrs. Julia Gansby, Cofebrool; Ella I. Sevenane, Lebanon; Mary A. Bartlett, Londonderry; Leuna B. McCoy, Manchester.

SONS OF VETERANS.

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The New Hampshire Encampinent elected these officers: Com., W. R. Blake, Concord; S. V. C., W. A. Styles, Reed's Ferry, J. V. C., L. R. Little, Troy. Council, E. B. Folsain, Daver, R. R. Me Gregor, Manchesder, A. H. Winn, Somersworth, Delegrate at Large, Dr. W. H. Price, Dover, Alternate, Sanford E. Clark, Penacooli, Delegrate, Arthur L. Ordway, Manchesder, Alternate, I. N. Marden, Concord.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS. This Order elected the following officers: Pres.,
M. Augusta Clark, Manchester, S. V. P., Mrs.
Jennie McMurphy, Concoct, J. V. P., Mrs.
Maud Amidon, Nashun, Chap, Edith Bride,
Concord, Treas, Miss Clara de Moulpied, Manchester, Ins., Miss Mary A. Keenan, Concord,
I. and I. Officer, Miss Amy P. Lull, Concord,
Council, Mrs. Lottie Caffrey, Manchester, Miss
Mattle Manning, Manchester, Miss Eva Emmons, Nashua.

REUNIONS.

Alfred Mead, Secretary, 55th Ill., Prairie City, IR., writes that the regiment will hold a Reunion at Chicago during the National Encampment.

The 32d Annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio will be held at Odell's Lake, Holmes Co., June 5.

The indications are that this will be the most enjoyable Reunion the regiment ever held. Good speakers and the Shrave Brass Beard will be in attendance. J. P. Van Nest, Woester, O., is Secretary. ceretary.

Capt D. S. Bender, Secretary, 47th Ind., oznansport, Ind., announces a Reunion of the giment at North Manchester, Ind., May 24, tembers who cannot attend are requested to the the Secretary.

Members who cannot atome are required to write the Scoretary.

11th Ind. Cav., at Indianapolis, May 15. Rev. L. S. Knotts, Co. G. has given the Association the use of Grace M. E. Church, corner East and Market streets. E. W. Collins, Secretary, Pendle-

e sixth Annual Reunion of the 11th Pa. Cav The sixth Annual Reunion of the 11th Pa. Cav. will be held in Post P. G.A.R. Hall, Gettysburg, Pa., on June 6, at 2 clock p. m. Headquarters will be in Room No. 4, Hotel Gettysburg, where all members of the regiment will be made welcome by the officers of the Association. For full particulars address D. S. Orcuit, Secretary, St. Gharles Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa.

O. F. Webster, Secretary, Owosso, Mich., announces a Reunion of the 3d Mich. Cav. at Grand Rapids, June 7. Every member of the old regiment is urged to attend and assist in making this the most enjoyable Reunion we have ever held.

Reunion of Yates's Sharpshooter (64th Ill.) Reunion of Yates's Sharpshooter (64th III.)
Members of the 64th III. who wish an invitation to the Annual Reunion of the regiment, at
Chicago, in August, 1990, should correspond
with Geo. M. Bowden, Secretary, Abingden, III.
Each year over 500 invitations are sent out, and
answers are received from only about 100, but
others are known to receive their letters, as none
are returned. This year the Association has secured a good place to meet, and during May invitations will be sent, which must be answered
promptly in order to secure quarters. promptly in order to secure quarters.

Northern California Veterans' Association. The Annual Encampment of Northern Call ornia Veterans' Association will be held at St. Helena, June 21 to 30. Maj. D. M. Miller, of Pairfield, will be Camp Adjutant.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Latest Developments in the Situation-The British Advance.

On April 30 Gen. Ian Hamilton marched in a northerly direction from Thaba Nehu to Sisters Ferry, and crossed over into South Carolina, and are now on our way to Branchville, so Sherman has all his army going, and it is almost as strong as it opposed by a strong force, commanded by with a body of mounted infantry and was in the march from Atlanta. A dividen of the Nincteenth Corps, from Sheridan's army, is holding Sayannah.

We have been two weeks crossing the river and getting started, owing to the flood in the river and the terrible condition of the reads through the swamps. Our first production of the reads through the swamps. the neighborhood of Thaba Nehu had considerably decreased.

Earlier in the day Gen. Roberts informed the War Office that the Boers made perairy under French. Smith-Dorrien's in fautry brigade, and a body of mounted infantry under Ian Hamilton. Pole-Ca-rew's Division had returned from De Wet's Dorp. There had been desultory fighting for several days before this in connection with the preparatory movement of ad-

Gen. Hamilion, whose force all day Monday was in touch with the enemy, Tuesday succeeded, in conjunction with Gen. Smith-Dorrion's Brigade, in turning their position with little loss.

The enemy having moved back all dong the line, an advance was made in he direction of Brandfort, Gen. Wayell's Brigade noving from Karee, Gen. Bruce Hamilton's from Glen, and Gen. Max-well's from Krantz Kraal. Close to the last-named brigade were four field bat-teries and two 4.7-inch guns, while right at Holzhuisfontein was Broadwood's Cavdry Brigade and two horse batteries.

The Boers were on Schanskraal Hill

and behind when advance began. Nine hundred and thirty Boers retired after some heavy firing on the left, from west of Klinospruit, and Gen. Broadwood, on the right, tried to intercept them, but the ene

my abandoned the position.

It was said that when Botha's force was disposed of the advance to the north might be expected to begin in earnest.

On May 3 it was announced the positions were as follows: "Gen. Broadwood's Cavalry Brigade has reached Isabelfontein, 28 miles north of Thaba Nchu, Gen. Ian Hamilton is bivouacking at Jaboes-rust, 15 miles north of Thaba Nchu. Gen. Tucker's Division is moving eastward from Karee Siding. The divisions of Gen. French and Gen. Rundle are in and near Thaba Nchu. Thus Lord Roberts has 50,000 men operating clear of the railroad along a front of 40 miles."

Soon afterward it was announced that Brandfort is on the railway about 35 miles north of Bloemfontein and 15 miles from Karee Siding, where the British advance has been resting since the en-

gagement there early last month. It is a town of considerable size. The First Brigade of mounted infantry covered the left flank of the Fourteenth Brigade of the Seventh Division, and the right flank was supported by the Fifteenth Brigade. Pole-Carew's Division advanced directly on Brandfort. The Boer army, which was under command of Delarey,

retired in a northeasterly direction.

It is considered the most important communication received from the front since the capture of Gen. Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith. The fact that the position gives he key to one of the main roads leading to the Drakensberg passes, which possi-bly may be a means of co-operation with ien. Buller later on, provides an advance pase of supplies, etc., and at the same ime menaces the Boers now southeast of emfontein, is obviously the reason for the importance attached to the intelligence. The British continued their advance, ere being considerable desultory fighting The latest dispatch of Lord Roberts show hat the Boers are in full retreat toward the

under dite of May 6;
"We crossed the Vet River this morning

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"We crossed the Vet River this morning and are now encamped at Smaldeel Junetion. The enemy is in full retreat toward Zand River and Kroonstad.

"The turning movement made by the mounted infantry just before dark yesterday was a very dashing affair. The Canadians, New South Wales Rifles, New Zealand Rifles, and Queensland Mounted Infantry vied with each other in the determination to close with the in the determination to class with the enemy, and Capt. Anley, of the Essex, behaved in a very gallant manner."

The advance was made all along the

AN APPEAU TO AMERICA. The Boer Peace Delegates started from

the Hague on May 2 on their way to the United States. Before leaving they made a statement in part as follows: a statement in part as follows:
"Briefly, the object of our visit to the United States is to appeal to the Government and people to seek the re-establishment of peace. We have, thus far, only visited Holland, because the people are of our race, and we wish to see the resolution adopted at the resolution adopted at the resolution adopted. oution adopted at the peace conference applied in our case.
"We think we shall do well to go now

to the United States, a sister Republic, where the people had the same struggle a century ago which our people are now having. We are going to the home of a free people. We are going with the object to res people. We are going with the ob-ect to rectify erroneous opinions and to make the truth known.

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"Where calumny and misrepresentation have preceded us, we go prepared to make the truth known, trusting that our appeal to the free people of our great sister Republic will not be in vain. We do not go to one party or the other. We go the American people in its vast entirety, constituting to-day the greatest peace factor in the world, which only awaits its lead to unanimously declare that this useless bloodshed shall and must cease.

"We go to tell the American people that we are prepared to place our case in their hands for their arbitration, so satisfied are we that we demand nothing that an im-

we that we demand nothing that an im partial, freedom-loving Nation is not will-

ing to grant.

"The English press teems with false-hoods by which it seeks to throw dust in the eyes of the American people. "We are prepared to meet these false hoods by asking the United States to indge between us. Will England agree? If not, then all these falsehoods will not deceive Americans, for they will realize that what England seeks is to crush our independence as they sought unsuccessfully, thank God, to crush American independence in the last century."

Significance of Thick Lins.

Dr. A. Bloch, the French anthropologist, attacks the theory that thick lips are a denotement of sensuality, while are a denotement of sensuality, while thin and delicate lips denote spirituality, firmness and clevated character. In a recent paper the scientist claims that the single size and color of the sips are purely mee characteristics, and that in the hybrid peoples of Europe and America, where there has been such a general intermingling of races, a child may well inherit from not very remote ancestors lip forms that con pletely belie the actual character of the child, as indicated by the lip theory. Dr. Bloch's investigations satisfy him that really thick lips in the white races are always unomalies or freaks of nature.

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IN CONGRESS.

Synopsis of the More Important Proceedings of Both Houses.

In the Senate on Tuesday, May 1, a vigor ous digression to the subject of trusts occupied the Senators for a period, during the discussion of the Army appropriation bill. The debate originated in an amendment offered by Mr. Berry, of Arkansas to confine purchases for the army as far as possible to articles of American manufacture and at the same time to avoid pur chases from trusts. A statement by Mr chases from trusts. A statement by Mr. Sewell, of New Jersey, inquiring what the definition of a trust was, and declaring that these corporations had been bene sistent attacks around Thaba Nehu on Saturday and Sunday. The position held by Rundle's Division was very strong, howerver, and he had the assistance of Gordon's and Dickson's Brigades, the cavily and the strong of the strong Jersey Senator's position, and was followed by Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Teller. The discussion involved National politics and the enforcement of the present Sherman law before a vote was reache defeating the Berry amendment 18 to 29. In the House for the first time during the 50 years of agitation of the project for the construction of an interoceanic canal, that body entered upon the consideration of a measure to actually authorize the building of a canal.

The debate was memorable, because of the unexpected powerful opposition it developed. Mr. Burton, of Ohio, Chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee; Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Mr. Can-non, of Illinois, Chairman of the Appro-priations Committee, threw the weight of their influence against it, not because they are opposed to the building of the canal, but because they considered that the time for authorizing its construction was not ripe. Mr. Burton and Mr. Hitt contended that the bill would violate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which guarantees the neutrality of the canal, and Mr. Cannon quoted Admiral Walker, Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, as saying that the commission was not yet prepared to say which was the best route. Mr. Cannon contended that the authorization of the construction of the canal over the Nicaraguan route at this time would delay its building for years and cost the Government \$50,000,000.

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The debate also developed other lines of opposition. Some of the Democrats insist that the amendments striking the words "defend" and "fortifications" from the bill. words "defend" and "fortifications" from the bill are designed to make it harmonize with the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and that it is therefore objectionable, and Mr. Shackleford, of Missouri, desired the bill amended so that if the treaty is ratified, the bill will not go into effect.

The anomalous situation was according-The anomalous situation was accordingly presented of nearly every member on the floor professing his friendship for the canal, and yet of powerful oppositionarrayed against it on various grounds. The bill was vigorously championed by Chairman Hepburn, of the Interstate Commerce Committee; Mr. Lovering, of Massachusetts; Mr. Ransdell, of Louisiana, and Mr. Corliss, of Michigan. and Mr. Corliss, of Michigan.

In the Senate on Wednesday the pre-In the Senate on Welnesday the pre-sentation of a memorial from R. G. Dyren-forth, Commander-in-Chief of the Union Veteran Union, complaining about the pen-sion policy of the Government, elicited a brief reply from Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Chairman of the Pensions Committee. The Government had been, and was now, said he, liberal in its pen-sion policy, and there was no proper reason or criticism of it. There were now before for criticism of it. There were now before our committee 50 or more general pension bills, which, if enacted into law, would take from the Treasury many millions of dollars annually. He was being roundly abused for not having considered and reporting these bills and for not giving to applicants what they termed "adequate pensions."

Mr. Gallinger instanced one of the measures that had been referred to the Pen-sions Committee providing pensions for practically all of the skilled artisans and civilians in the Government service. This bill brought to him hundreds of letters urging him to report it favorably. Of course, he said, he would be called to account for being an enemy to such legisla-

In conclusion, Mr. Gallinger said: "The criticism of the pension policy of the Gov-ernment is unjust and unwarranted. The 140,000,000 and odd paid out now for pensions is about as much as the Govern-nent ought to expend."

The Army appropriation was considered.

In the House the Nicaragua canal bill was passed by a vote of 225 to 35. All attempts to retain in the bill the language of the original bill for the fortification of the canal and to still further strengthen the language on that line were balked, and the victory of Col. Hepburn and the committee was complete. A motion to ecommit the bill with instructions to report ack another bill leaving the selection of the route to the President was buried under an adverse majority of 52 to 171.

Mr. Cannon, Chairman of the Appropria-

tions Committee, and Mr. Burton, of Ohio Chairman of the River and Harbors Comnittee, made a fight to stall off action at this session, but their appeals were in vain, and the members rode over all their argunents and protests. Much excitement eigned throughout the day, and several rines bitter words were used.

Those who voted may on the passage of the canal bill follow: Acheson, Adams, Burton, Cannon, Capron, Clark of Missouri, Cooney, Cowherd, Cox, Dalzell, De

souri. Cooney, Cowherd, Cox, Dalzell, De Armond, Denny, Dougherty, Fleming, Fletcher, Gaston, Gillett of Massachu-setts, Graham, Hitt, King, Lawrence, Lester, Levy, Littauer, Littlefield, McCall, Neville, Rhea of Kentucky, Rucker, Sha-froth, Sprague, Stewart of Wisconsin, Talbert, Thayer, and Vandiver—35.

In the Senate on Thursday the Army appropriation bill was discussed. The bill was finally passed without division. An hour was devoted to consideration of pension bills, 137 being passed. Among them were bills granting pensions of \$50 a month each to Gen. James Longstreet, who was a Maker in the United States who was a Major in the United State army before he went into the Confederacy to Mrs. Julia Henry, widow of Gen. Guy V Henry; to Mrs. Margaret Badger, widow of Commodore Badger, and to Mrs. Gridley, widow of the late Capt. Gridley, of the Olympia. On motion of Mr. Proctor the amount of Mrs. Henry's bill was increased

In the House the sundry civil bill was discussed. The House also passed the free homes bill without division. It provides free homesteads on public lands for actual and bona fide settlers and provides that the Government shall remunerate adant ribes for money due them on lands attended to settlers.

of public lands should prove insufficient to meet the payments.

Mr. Eddy, of Minnesota, who had long been an ardent champion of such legislation, led off in the debate, pointing out that all party platforms had declared in favor of the bill. Mr. Flynn, Delegating the form Oklahoma, stated that the bill required five years' residence upon the land and constant cultivation to secure title.

Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, opposed the bill, which, he said would cost the Government \$35,859,964. Mr. Eddy said that the bill would really prove advantageous to the agricultural colleges. Mr. Grow, of Pennsylvania, spoke for the bill, and recalled the time, 48 years ago, when he advocated the homestead bill, making a speech on "Man's Right to the Soil." Per Mission was given that he print his original homestead spaces by the Permission was given that he print his original homestead spaces for the print his constitution, and many form the work of the Oglehm in his Department the open distribution to Mrs. Loomis Installed their new officers for the year, gave-them an instructive talk of the Oglehm in the Oglehm in the Oglehm and installed their new officers for the work of the work of the open diseased their spirits. A pleasing installed their new officers for the work of the open diseased attendance and a massen Presacent in the work of the Oglehm in the Commis flowers of the spirits. A pleasing incident of this occasion was the piccustion to Mrs. Loomis flowers for the open diseased attendance and the spirits of candlessieks. Since this interest and inspirits of candlessieks. Since the him the work of candlessieks. Since the spirits of can

mission was given that he print his original homestead speech in the Record.

After Mr. Wilson, of Idaho; Mr. Shafroth, of Colorado; Mr. Miers, of Indiana; Mr. Lacey, of Iowa; Mr. Bell, of Colorado; Mr. Jones, of Washington; Mr. Burke, of South Dakota; Mr. Snodgrass, of Tenpesses; Mr. Underwood of Alabama; Mr. Besses; Mr. Underwood of Alabama; Mr. of South Dakota; Mr. Snodgrass, of Tennessea; Mr. Underwood, of Alabama; Mr.
Barilett, of Georgia, and Mr. Gamble, of
South Dakota, had spoken in favor of
the bill, the committee amendments were
agreed to, and an amendment offered by
Mr. Cannon was adopted to limit the operation of the act to agricultural lands "which
have been always grown to entitlement." have been already opened to settlement."
The bill was then passed amid enthusiasm.

The attitude of the Senate toward an increased army, with additional rank and Corresp

pay for the General commanding, a new corps of civilian officers, and double the present number of cadets at West Point, present number of cadets at West Point, was plainly shown on Friday, when the Army reorganization bill was passed without the formality of a roll call after all efforts to amendate bill had signally failed. The bill creates a Lieutenant-Generalship for Gen. Miles and makes Gen. Corbin a Major-General. Among other things it practically revolutionizes the present staff arrangements of the Army; it proposes to change the present system of permanent appointments in certain staff corps to one of detail by a gradual-process, as the officers now in those corps go out of active service. As vacancies occur in departments of the Adjutant-General, the Inspector-General, Quartermaster-General, and Commissary-Quartermaster-General, and Commissary-General, they are to be filled by details from the line, the details to be temporary from the line, the details to be temporary and not exceeding four years. The new system is not applied to the Corps of Engineers, Medical Department, Pay Department, or Judge Advocate-General's Department. The bill discontinues the regimental organization of the artillery, and establishes an artillery corps of two branches, viz, 126 batteries of coast artillery and 18 batteries of field artillery, with a total of 17,448. The bill provides for an increase of 100 in the Corps of Cadets at West Point, two at large from each State, making 90, and 10 more added to the present number of 20 from the United States at ent number of 20 from the United States a

The sundry civil bill occupied the House On Saturday the House passed the sundry civil bill.

The Senate occupied itself with routine The Senate occupied itself with routine matters on Monday.

The House took up the Senate bill 1477, which passed the Senate on Jan. 8, amending Sections 2 and 3 of an act entitled "An act granting pensions to soldiers and sallors who are incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and providing for pensions to widows, minor children, and dependent parents," approved June 27, 1890. The bill was passed. 27, 1890. The bill was passed.

Private Pension Bills.

Bills granting pensions or increases to the following were passed by the Senate last week: Isaac Price, Flora Hollifleld, Henry Schnetberg, Elizabeth B. Cooper, Horace N. Brackett, Clare H. Burleigh, Bertha M. Jordan, Elizabeth W. Eldridge, Clara E. Calbath, Martha Agnew, William Mullevy, James Chapman, Francis S. Wolfe, Julia A. Floyd, Sarah E. Tate, Mary C. Gage, Chester Willis, John R. Eggeman, Charles H. Irvin, John F. Hutchison, James Osborn, Byron Kurtz, Alfred Hering, Franklin Cooley, Emma R. Rusling, Brice Davis, Margarett L. Coleman, Austin J. Pickett. Emma L. Du Bois, Catharine A. Schwunger, Martha E. Graves, Alex. P. Baugher, Edwin M. Farnham, Olive W. Lay, Cornwell M. Brill, Evelyn N. Murray, Ellen M. Mansur, James H. Thomas, Eliza M. Stillman, Emma J. Bidwell, Thos. T. Garrison, Geo. H. French, Pleasant H. M'Bride, Flora B. Hinds, Margaret M. Badger, Arthur L. Nicklin, James Longstreet, Sophronia Seely, Daniel H. Kent, Abraham Sanford, Matilda O'Connor, William G. Willaughly, John J. Wilson, Andrew Ferguson, Ermine D. Cabbell, Mary Yowell, Alisie Bennett, Solon Cooper, Julia Mac N. Hønryt Mary R. Dean, Ira Doane, Frances H. Borce, John H. Wilcox, Albert Brown, John Vogler, John N. Breed, Bell Fries, James Winnie, Eliza Wight, John G. Bradley, Livingston B. Gregory, Charles G. Doolittle, Josephine A. Haley, Cornelius Shroder, Eliza A. Lake, Isaac Gauss, John Erb, Robert H. Jones, Alice D. Affeiteh, Susan Daniels, Rebecca Harvey, Fonlyce M. Keith, F. L. Rutherford, Erice & Farmer, Thos. G. Huff, Maria Egan, Henry H. Neff, Geo. H. Morton, Joel Boyling, Harriet V. Gridley, Arnold Ploom, John B. Wetherbee, Alex. N. Shiploy, Alex. Wil Browning, Chill W. Hazzard, Adolphus Lavine, Mary Steffeus, Dolly L. Harrill, Louisa C. Germain, Josephine Brown, Jaura, Ann Smith, the following were passed by the Senate last week: Isaac Price, Flora Hollifield, Henry Hazzard, Adolphus Lavine, Mary Steffeus, Dolly L. Harrill, Lonisa C. Germain, Josephine Brown, aLaura Ann Smith, Thos. L. Turnipsedi, Zedock C. Andrews, Frank C. Stevens, Thos. J. Carlton, Annie M. Churchward, Parid P. Stewart, Edgar H. Stevens, Mira B. Woolson, Geo. W. Bodurtha, Rhenault A. Rollins, Margaret Burns, Anna H. Tupper, Wm. M. Walker, Simon Price, Jereniah B. Moore, James R. Green, Joseph Whitmore, Isabel B. Hamilton, Mary M. Young, Matilda Henessy, Cordelia Sessions, Nathaniel L. Alvin Seagroves and John M. Smith.

EASTERN AFFAIRS.

Letter from Assistant National Press Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS. In General Orders just issued, Mary L. Gilman, Department President, states if harmony in the beginning is an indication of a successful and prosperous year, then surely the year that is be fore us should be most successful and most pros-perous, for no more harmonious Convention was ever held in this Department than the 21st An-nual Convention, which assembled in Berkeley Temple, Boston. At social meetings in Boston the work for the year was discussed by members of the W.R.C. and G.A.R. and many plans were made. A pleasan; and successful year is antici-pated by both Orders.

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The Department Convention was held in Providence, Mrs. Mary E. Cooley, Department President, presiding. These was a full attendance, every Corps except one being represented. The Convention was honored by the presence of National President Harriet J. Bodge and National Secretary Charlotte E. Wright. These officers visited the G.A.R. Encampment in company with Mrs. Cooley and Department Treasurer Lizzie E. Prentice. They were greeted with rounds of applause. Mrs. Cooley presented Department Commander Ballou with a handsome bouquet, and Mrs. Prentice in behalf of the W.R.C. gave \$50 for the treasury. The Convention elected as its President Mrs. Martha Card; S. V. P. Annie J. Chandlet; J. V. P., Jane T. Lee, Treas., Lizzie E. Prentice; Chap., Almy M. Phelps. Executive Board, Julia P. Nason, Amelia O. Monroe, Dora West, Clara L. Lake, Sybel L. Miller. Sybel L. Miller.

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National Chaplain Mary M. Brown was ap-pointed Department Secretary, and Mrs. Celia A. Kenyon Department Press Correspondent, Mrs. Card, the newly elected Department President has been a resident of East Providence for 22 years; she is modest and retiring, but has the ability of keeping the Department up to the standard it now represents.

CONNECTICUT. Jennie E. W. Smith, Department President, writes of the successful work of Palmer Corps, 5, of which Mrs. Berry is President. This Corps has been very active in patriotic and relief work. Maria M. C. Richards, Department Press Correspondent, writes of Connecticut: Nathaniel Lyon Corps, 2, of Hartford, recently entertained Anna R. Loomis, Department President, and her staff.

Infinite the Government shall remunerate Indian tribes for money due them on lands patented to settlers and pay any deficiency to agricultural colleges if the annual sales of public lands should prove insufficient President, and Anna R. Loomis, Department President, and Anna R. Loomis, Department President, and Anna R. Loomis Department President Mrs. Loomis Department Department President Mrs. Loomis Department President Mrs.

reports an old-fashioned bean bake for the boys and preparations for a service in memory of Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, also a plan for having joint meetings with the Post once a month. She spoke very gratefully of the aid and encourage-ment given to the Corps by the visits of Mrs. Carrie A. House, Assistant National Press Corre-spondent.

A. E. Burnside Corps, 36, Unionville, enjoyed A. E. Burnside Corps, 36, Unionville, enjoyed at a recent meeting a surprise visit from the National President, Mrs. Bodge, who is always welcome, being a dear friend to the many members. She surprised two of the faithful members of the Corps by bestowing upon them the yellow ribbon of the National Aid. The two recipients were Anna E. Scantlin, Past President, and Bessie Wadsworth, the President, now serving her second year. Mrs. Bodge was accompanied by Mrs. House, and the only regret of the members was that they did not know in time to prepare a little feast of welcome for the guests.—CARRIE A. HOUSE, Assistan, National Press Correspondent, Hartford, Conn.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

The resignation of Mr. Claude M. John The resignation of Mr. Claude M. Johnson was accepted last week. It was given out that this was not the result of the war upon him by the Labor organizations, but the result of investigations which showed that Mr. Johnson is interested in machinery for developing power from tidal waves, and that he has been using the appliances and employees of the Bureau of of Printing and Engraving in its experiments. He was allowed to turn over to the Treasury some \$300 in the shape of a refund. fund.

The dignified Senators complain that Tilman acts in the Senate as if in an Edgefield primary, and that his laugh is so sardonic and mirthless that it makes the flesh creep.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union wants a curfew law enacted for the District of Columbia.

The Army Reorganization Bill will add 5,478 men to the artillery, making the total strength of that arm 17,448. The present enlisted strength of the army is 65,000 Regulars and 35,000 volunteers, or a total of 100,000. The reorganization bill will increase that total to 105,478 men.

Ex-Judge Ammiel J. Willard died at his Ex-Judge Ammiel J. Willard died at his home on Corcoran street, May 5, aged 76. He was born in Auburn, N. Y., and served as Lieutenant-Colonel of the 35th U. S. C. T. He was a fine lawyer, and during the Reconstruction period was Chief Justice of South Carolina. He decided the Chamberlain-Hampton Gubernatorial contest in favor of Hampton, which proved so distasteful to the Republicans that he resigned. He had been a resident of Washington for about 16 years. signed. He had been a loo ington for about 16 years.

The Commissioners decide that automobiles must take out licenses as hacks, and charge only hack rates.

Maj. Sylvester reports that the curfew regulation would require a great increase of the police force. Owing to the absence of any computsory school law, Washing ton has an inordinate number of children on the streets, especially in the Summer months, and there are more non-supported wives in the city than any other in the country. There should be a law compel-ling husbands to support their wives and

Comrade C. Breisinger, 46th N. Y., was in the city last week. He served through the whole four years of the 46th N. Y., the "Fremont Regiment." This was organized in New York City, Sept. 1, 1861, and had its first fight at Hilton Head. It was afterward in Willcox's Division of the Ninth Corps, and took its full share of that division's remarkable travels from the Department of the South to the Army of the Potomac, then to Grant at Vicksburg, next with Burnside into East Tennessee, and finally back to the Army of the Potomac, the Wilderness, and Petersburg. It was almost wholly made up and officered by Germans, and lost during its service 104 killed in battle and 91 died of disease. Comrade Breininger, with his sons carries on the manufacture of fine cigars at 141 Montrose avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

There has been a strong tarnish of blood on the face of the political moon in Louis-iana. Senator Don Caffery delayed his return to Washington several days in order to give the Governor of the State fair opportunity to send a challenge. It has been a long time since we have had the spectacle of a duel between such distinguished participants as a Senator and

Sensitiveness as to honor seems to in-crease as you go west from Washington. Only across Rock Creek, in Georgetown, a man made two attempts to commit suicide merely because he was accused of stealing a bull pup.

PERSONAL.

The friends and admirers of Col. Richard Henry Savage, the well-known author, are making a strong effort to have him nessy, Cordelia Sessions, Nathaniel L. Colson, Roger Fenton, Elizabeth A. Hyatt, Albert Rudiger, Wm. F. Boyatin, Mary J. Quinn, James J. Angel, Catharine A. Brown, Thos. R. Harris, Puinei L. Carr, Rhoda A. Patman, Cora I. Cromwell, California, and served in the Rhoda A. Patman, Cora I. Cromwell, California volunteers in 1862-'63. In 1864 has had a wonderful career. He was born in New York in 1846, but taken by his parents to California and saved by his California volunteers in 1862-'63. In 1864 he was appointed to West Point, and gradu ated in 1868, sixth in a class of 57. He was commissioned in the engineers, and served on the staffs of Gens. Halleck, Ord Thomas and Schofield, on Indian and frontier duty, till 1871, leading expeditions in Colorado and Arlzona, and winning much credit. In 1871 he was discharged at his own request, and became a Major in the Egyptian army under Gen. Chas. P. Stone, serving there two years. He then returned to engineering and law, with some intervals of Consular service and in 1891 began his literary career. He has written a series of widely popular novels, one, "My Offical Wife," having been translated into 17 languages. At the beginning of the Spanish war he promptly entered the service, and helped organize the 2d U. S. Volunteer Engineers, of which he became the senior Major, and had the distinguished honor of hoisting the first American Flag in the Province of Habana. He was made senior Captain of the 27th U. S. Vols., But had to be honorably dis-

> charged on account of total disability. All veterans and sons of veterans will be glad that, in spite of the bitter fight made on him by the Omaha Bee, Senator Thurson was elected a Delegate to the National Convention. Senator Thurston is one of he men who grows in reputation every ear.

> The Ohio Soldier thinks that Capt. E L. Lybarger is not a candidate for Com-mander-in-Chief. He is a member of the State Board of Public Works, and Grand Master of the Ohio Grand Lodge of Masons two positions which take up every moment of his time.

Brevet Brig.-Gen. Silas M. Bailey died at his home at Uniontown, Pa., May 5, aged 46. The cause was brain trouble from a bullet wound. He went out as a from a bullet wound. He went out as a Captain in 8th Pa. Reserves, became Col-onel of the regiment, and was brevetted for gallantry in the Wilderness and at Spottsyl-vania. He was elected State Treasurer of Pennsylvania in 1881, and was one of the famous "306" who stood by Gen. Grant to the last in the Convention in 1880. to the last in the Convention in 1880.

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